

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A hand tool for gripping a nail or screws type fastener during the early driving stage.

The tool comprises a primary member having a handle, a nail pulling central portion, a pair of gripping ends, and a claw at each said end, a secondary member having a handle, a nail pulling  
5 central portion, a central gripping end, and a claw at said end. The primary and secondary members are pivotally engaged at a central region of the tool whereby joining the handles of each member also joins the gripping ends. Each claw further comprises an inner surface having an inwardly tapered opening on the innermost surface of the gripping end joining to a point thereby forming a generally triangular mouth where said mouth in each primary and secondary members is mirror  
10 opposite to the other. The user can therefore pick-up a nail or screw with the tool from a hard smooth surface, apply pressure to the fastener and the mouths thereby grip the fastener in a sturdy self-aligning perpendicular fashion so as to hold the fastener while driving said fastener.